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1. (Currently amended) A cable support apparatus, comprising:
a body portion;
a substantially planar head portion having a first surface integrally attached to one end of said body portion, said head portion having a substantially smooth second surface intersecting said first surface;
a passageway extending through said body portion and said head portion;
a retainer on an exterior surface of said body portion; [and]
at least two installation holes in said second surface of said head portion; and
an installation tool comprising:
an arcuate body portion;
a handle attached to said arcuate body portion; and
engagement projections protruding from said arcuate body portion and
corresponding to said installation holes in said head portion.
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 3. (Previously amended) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein said installation holes are diametrically opposed.
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 6. (Original) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein said retainer comprises a spiral thread.

7. (Original) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein said body portion is conical shaped.

8. (Original) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein said head portion has a thickness of less than or equal to one sixteenth of an inch.

9. (Original) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein said head portion and said body portion are integrally molded together from polymeric material.

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10. (Currently amended) An apparatus for supporting a cable comprising:
a conical body portion;

a low profile substantially planar head portion having a first surface integrally attached to said body portion, said head portion having a substantially smooth second surface intersecting said first surface;

a passageway extending through said head portion and said body portion;

a spiral thread formed on an exterior surface of said body portion; [and]

a pair of holes in said second surface of said head portion; and

an installation tool comprising:

an arcuate body portion;

a handle attached to said arcuate body portion; and

engagement projections protruding from said arcuate body portion and

corresponding to said installation holes in said head portion.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said holes are diametrically opposed to each other.

12. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a wall for receiving said conical body portion, said wall having an exterior surface with a color and

wherein said second surface of said head portion has a color that is the same as the color of the exterior surface of the wall.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said body portion has a color that is dissimilar from the color of said head portion.

14. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a wall for receiving said conical body portion therein said wall having an exterior surface with a wall covering thereon and wherein said apparatus comprises a piece of the wall covering attached to said head portion.

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cont 15. (Currently amended) A method of installing a cable through a structure, said method comprising:

providing a bushing having a body portion having threads thereon and a distal end and a proximal end with a substantially planar head portion integrally attached thereto, the head portion having a low profile and a substantially smooth exterior surface with at least two cavities therein, the bushing further having a passageway extending through the body portion and the head portion;

providing a hole in the structure sized to receive the body portion of the bushing;

inserting the distal end of the bushing into the hole in the structure;

inserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing and [simultaneously] applying [a rotational] an installation force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be screwed into the hole in the structure;

removing the engagement protrusions from the cavities after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure such that a rear surface of the head portion contacts the structure; [and]

inserting a cable into the passageway; and
reinserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing
and applying an installation force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be
tightened into the hole in the structure while the cable protrudes outward through the
passageway.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

applying a covering to the structure prior to said providing a hole in the structure; and
applying the covering to the head portion of the bushing.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the covering is applied to the
head portion of the bushing prior to said inserting the engagement portions.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the covering is applied to the
head portion after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure.

19. (Previously amended) A method of supporting a cable extending through a hole
in a structure, said method comprising:

providing a bushing having a body portion having threads thereon and a distal end and
a proximal end having a substantially planar head portion integrally attached thereto, the head
portion having a low profile and a substantially smooth exterior surface with at least two
cavities therein, the bushing further having a passageway extending through the body portion
and the head portion;

inserting the cable through the passageway in the bushing;

inserting the distal end of the body portion into the hole in the structure;

inserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing and simultaneously applying a rotational force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be screwed into the hole in the structure; and

removing the engagement protrusions from the cavities after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure such that a rear surface of the head portion contacts the structure.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising:
applying a covering to the structure prior to said providing a hole in the structure; and
applying the covering to the head portion of the bushing.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the covering is applied to the head portion of the bushing prior to said inserting the engagement portions.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the covering is applied to the head portion after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure.
